

Frances Huntley-Cooper

Frances Huntley-Cooper was born in North Carolina. She holds a degree in social services from North Carolina's Agricultural and Technical State University, and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Huntley-Cooper has worked as a county social worker and a state foster care specialist. She supervises social workers specializing in child abuse and delinquency cases for the Dane County Human Services Department.

She is active in her community. Her volunteer work has included service on a National League of Cities steering committee; participation in the Jack and Jill program for African-American youth; service on the board of the Madison Urban League; and four years as President of the Madison branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

As an elected public official in Fitchburg, Huntley-Cooper served as District 1 Alderwoman for four years beginning in 1987, during which time she Chaired the Finance and Personnel Committees. Huntley-Cooper's Common Council activity culminated in service as President of the Fitchburg City Council in 1990.

Huntley-Cooper served as Fitchburg mayor from 1991 to 1993, and is the first African-American elected to lead a Wisconsin City.

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